

## VOCABULARY WALL CHART

When I need to clarify the meaning of a word or phrase, I can try one of these things to help myself.

**1. Use context clues** - Use other words in the sentence or paragraph to figure out the meaning of the unknown word or phrase.

**Example:** In the story, *Holes*, the main character must undertake a **treacherous** journey to escape from camp by crossing the desert without water to drink.

**2. Use apposition.** In apposition, the unknown word is followed by the definition, which is set off by commas.

**Example:** Magic Johnson is a famous **entrepreneur**, someone who sets up and finances new commercial enterprises to make a profit.

**3. Use word structure.** Use parts of the unknown word such as a prefix, suffix, root word, word family, etc. to figure out the meaning.

**Example:** The physicist Einstein explored **uncharted** territory with his Theory of Relativity.

**4. Use prior knowledge.** Use what you already know about the topic to figure out what would make sense.

**Example:** "I don't like your **attitude**," she said.

**5. Use a thesaurus or dictionary.**